Top of the Hill

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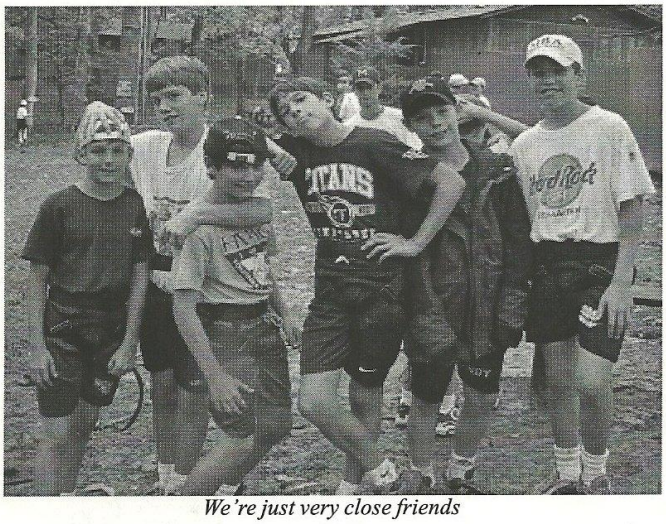
Laney 2000: Free Falling

By Kevin Seitz

Deprived of the sleep usually gained on a regular Sunday morning, on September 24th, the entire seventh grade boarded two buses and departed for Camp Laney. Situated atop Lookout Mountain, right outside Mentone, Alabama, Camp Laney is a three-hour ride from MBA. The first day of camp was hot, and people begged for water. We divided up into eight groups to begin the bonding and team building activities we would continue throughout the trip. Everyone got to know each other better through exercises such as "the wall," where a team of about 10 had to get everyone over an 8 foot and 10 foot wall. Another group did the "Mohawk Traverse," a bunch of cables strung between trees from 5 to 20 feet apart. Each member of the team, with the help of others, had to cross all 6 cables without touching the "Mohawk Graveyard." After these adventures, even though we all wanted rest, we went to the gym and learned how to play Bombardment, a game well known to all previous Camp Laney goers.



We're just very close friends

Late the first night, around 10 o'clock, we were allowed to go to our cabins and take a shower, which was required by Mr. Thurmond. The showers proved to be a harrowing experience. That first

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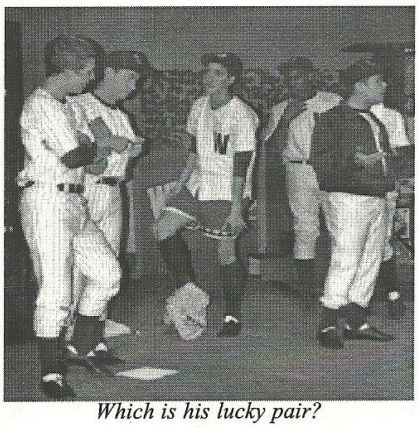
Damn! *Damn Yankees* was good

By Ben Turk and William Chapman

First, I would like to let it be known that this article is totally non-biased. Just because the excellent performer Jessica Turk is my sister does not mean that all this article is going to be about is how she stole the show and that she is a born actress.



Which is his lucky pair?

Really, MBA's performance of *Damn Yankees* was outstanding. The choreography of this play was excellent, especially the male dance numbers. We all know, however, that if 8th grade dancing greats like Caldwell Tanner and Kyle Mayo had been in this play, we would have been more entertained.

Joe Boyd , an old man who believes that if the Washington Senators baseball team had one long hitter they could win the pennant, makes a deal with the devil to sell his soul to become that hitter. He soon becomes homesick, but the devil, Applegate, wants his soul. To keep Joe from going back to his wife, Applegate employs Lola, the hottest woman in Hell, but instead of seducing him, she becomes his friend and assists him in leaving Hell.

Probably the best musical numbers of the show were "You've Got to Have Heart" and "Shoeless Joe from Hannibal Moe" (not because my sister sang it but because it was a great musi-

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cal number). I saw this play four times, and these were the two songs that stuck in my head for the longest time. You ask yourself, "Did he go to this play four times because he loved it and it was so good that I should have gone?"

"A woman doesn't know what she's got til she loses it."

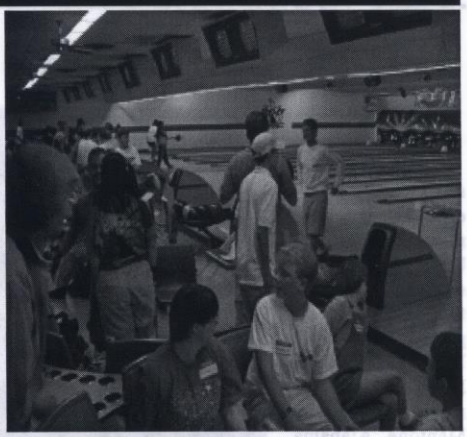
Well, stop worrying. My parents made me go, but I do not regret doing so. It really was a great play.

Actors such as John Voight (Joe Hardy), Aaron Manier (Mr. Applegate aka. The Devil), and the comedy duo of Cal Alexander (Rocky) and Adam Brooks (Smokey) have to get some great praise for their performances, but all of the other actors were also great . Actresses such as Jessica Turk (Gloria), Audry Ball (Lola Banana), and Liz Edwards (Meg Boyd) also really contributed to the magnificent show. The only thing that MBA needs to work on for the next musical is the microphones. The technical difficulty did detract from the performance.

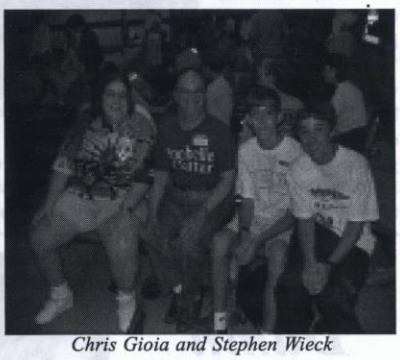
Closing, I would like to let people know that if you did not go see this play, you missed something special. So next time MBA has a play, go and see it. The worst thing that can happen is that you waste three hours of your busy life that you would spend playing Nintendo.

Bowlers Have A Ball

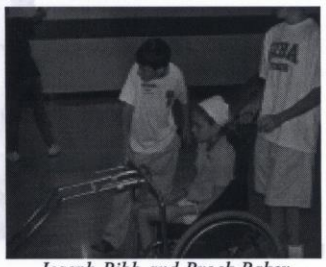
By David Pass



On September 16th, more than forty 8th graders volunteered their time to bowl with the Special Olympians at Pla-mor Lanes. Not only did everyone feel good about helping with the service project, but they also had a lot of fun. On each lane, two MBA students bowled with two Special Olympians. The discounted games were a bonus, but more importantly, we had the opportunity to get to know our guests. One of the most interesting bowling strategies that I learned came from a man on the next lane. He pretended that his bowling ball was Jevon Kearse and the pins were Kurt Warner heads. Whenever he threw a gutter ball, he would stare at the pins and tell Kurt, " I'm not afraid of you. I got another bowl and will get you next time." Some of the Special Olympians were in wheel chairs and needed our full attention while others were totally independent. We found out that we had many things in common, such as favorite bands and sports teams. Bowling with Special Olympians was both rewarding and fun, and I am looking forward to the next service project.



Chris Gioia and Stephen Wieck



Joseph Bibb and Brock Baker

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

"Where's The Beef?"

A review of cheeseburgers in Nashville, TN

By: Chris Gioia

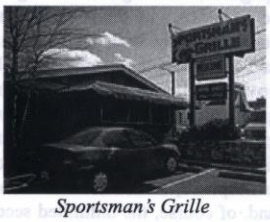
Recently, I went to five restaurants, none of which are chains, to test their cheeseburgers. These restaurants were *Brown's Diner*, *Vandyland, Rotier's, McCabe's Pub,* and *Sportsman's Grille.* These are all very good restaurants, but let's just say that some of them have problems. For example, at *Vandyland,* let's say you order a burger with nothing but the cheese, burger patty, and some bread. You would most likely receive a grilled cheeseburger with extra pickles, but you don't need to say anything to the staff because they're really nice people. At *Rotier's,* if you ask for a medium burger, the burger is usually charred, but it tastes pretty good. *Brown's Diner* also has a few problems of its own. Besides being an almost run-down trailer across from a burned-to-the-ground grocery store, it also needs one thing: a smoking section. Brown's desperately needs one of these because when you walk into the restaurant, it is almost like breathing polluted air. *Sportsman's* also needs a smoking section, but since *Sportsman's* is a building, there is better ventilation. Enough negatives, these restaurants have many more good qualities than bad. I have ranked the restaurants, with 1 being the lowest score and 4 being the highest:

Restaurant	Price	Quality	Parking	Speed	Selection	Atmosphere	Taste	Service
Brown's Diner	$2.80	4	3	3.5	2	2	4	3
Rotier's	$3.65	3	1	2.5	3	2	2.5	3
Vandyland	$2.95	3	2.5	2.5	3.5	3	3	2.5
McCabe's Pub	$5.10	2.5	4	2.5	4	3	2	3
Sportsman's	$6.50	3.5	3.5	3	3.5	2.5	3.5	3.5

On the overall rating below, more *'s=better quality. (These are my opinions. They are not according to the chart above.)

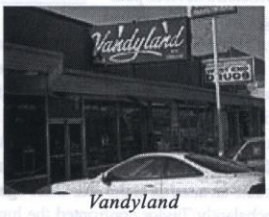
Brown's Diner	*****
Sportsman's Grille	****
Rotier's	***
Vandyland	**
McCabe's Pub	*

Sportsman's gives you a very large burger, and so does *McCabe's*. *Brown's, Vandyland,* and *Rotier's* all give decent-sized burgers. All of these burgers also taste very good if you get bacon on them. *Rotier's* and *Vandyland* have very good milkshakes, too. If you want your cheeseburger tasting even better when eating at *Brown's*, I would suggest getting grilled onions on the side. Also, their fries are very cheap. I conclude that *Brown's Diner* has the best cheeseburgers in Nashville.



Sportsman's Grille

Brown's Diner



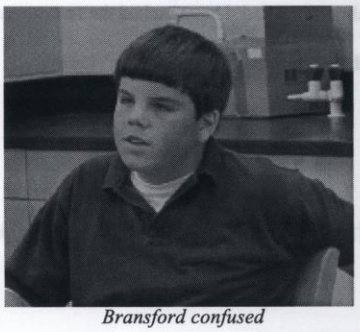
Vandyland

Sage Dining Experience

Help, Yolanda, Help Help, Yolanda

By Taylor Gould and Bransford Maxwell

Taylor and Bransford would like to express their opinions on the SAGE Dining Services. Taylor and Bransford have enjoyed the new food services thoroughly. Food is good. First, Taylor would like to speak on this topic. Taylor likes the variety of items offered by SAGE. Taylor is confused by the refusal of his supplication to receive seconds on certain days. One day, Taylor walked back for seconds and asked for a second plate consisting of shrimp and a roll. Taylor was rejected. This confused Taylor. Taylor concocted a devious plan to get his shrimp and a roll. (This refusal came from the lunch lady, not from the lunch man). Taylor suavely approached the serving bar and asked for shrimp. Much to Taylor's surprise, he actually received food. Taylor then walked halfway back to his table and turned around to make an attempt at the roll. Once again, nonchalantly Taylor confronted the lunch lady and asked for a roll. Taylor received his roll, and Bransford had a great laugh.



Bransford confused

Bransford would like to comment on the differences between the lunch lady and the lunch man. Bransford is puzzled by the difference between the lunch lady and the lunch man. The lunch lady simply hands Bransford and Taylor their food. The lunch man, however, engages in short conversation, often calling Bransford and Taylor "homie," "my man," or "dawg." This greeting amuses Bransford and Taylor. One may encounter the lady and ask for two items, only to be turned down. The same student may then walk to the man and ask for the exact same two items, and his wish will be granted.

Bransford and Taylor have a suggestion for the lunch crew. When admitting students into the lunch purchasing area, do not let them all in at one time. The result is mass chaos and confusion. Bransford and Taylor need space. Taylor and Bransford are also confused: What does SAGE stand for? Special Agent Gang of Emus? This is a question that Taylor and Bransford have pondered over this short period of time. In conclusion, Bransford and Taylor welcome the new food service. It is a big improvement over Sodexho. Bransford and Taylor doubt that Sodexho served real food.

What does SAGE stand for anyway?

Bransford and Taylor will be updating you throughout the year on subjects relating to food, sports, music, and girls.

Four Stars for Food Service

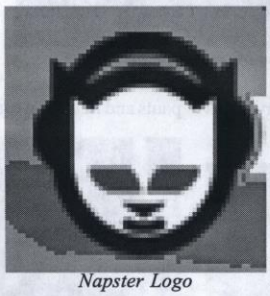
By Scott Vaughn

As you have probably noticed, MBA has switched food services from Sodexho to SAGE. The new meal plan entitles students to unlimited seconds, but since we only have 25 minutes in which to eat, ordering seconds is time-consuming. Some differences in the cafeteria are the addition of a deli bar, juice and milk fountain dispensers, and my favorite, a cart full of pies and cakes. Along with the entree bar, salad bar, frozen desserts, and the soft drink fountain, this cafeteria has got me covered. However, with the extraction of the beloved hot boxes, some students are forced to eat salad or cold cuts if the entree is not fitting. Instead of having a burrito or a warm hot pocket, students must settle for less. Another problem with the new plan is the small portions. I find myself cutting my conversation short and returning two or three times a period just to get a full serving. The average eaters are delighted with the entrees: spaghetti, hamburgers, hot wings and so on, along with the vegetables and soup of the day. With a possible salad and sandwich, the average eater has covered almost every basic food group, including lots of dessert. I will give this new food service four out of five stars, due to the great service and atmosphere, a nice balanced lunch, and, of course, the unlimited second rule.

Napster Lawsuit: Freedom or Robbery?

By Brock Baker

Unless you've been living down a hole with no TV and no newspaper for the past six months, you probably have heard of Napster and the lawsuit against it by the RIAA (Recording Industry Association of America). I, as well as many others, have enjoyed downloading songs from Napster, and it worried me to hear that Napster might be shut down. I decided to get to the bottom of the issues surrounding Napster and the lawsuit.



Napster Logo

The RIAA, on behalf of many recording labels, is suing Napster, claiming Napster helps to facilitate massive copyright infringement. The RIAA is charging Napster with tributary copyright infringement. The president and CEO of the RIAA, Hilary Rosen, stated: "Napster's latest defense is yet another veiled attempt to reinvent itself, its legal position and copyright law. The fact is -- the law is on our side. We are not suing a technology. We are suing a company that is stealing work that does not belong to them. They cannot build a multi-billion dollar business on the backs of other people's works." The RIAA also argues, "…Napster sought to build and monetize an enormous user base by making available - without authorization or payment - the most popular music … Napster succeeded in creating 'illegal copying on a scale that is without precedent' … Every day, Napster enables, encourages, and directly benefits from the infringement of 12 to 30 million copyrighted works."

These charges against Napster are severe, in my opinion. So, I did a little digging of my own and found this in Napster's copyright policy:

"Napster respects copyright law and expects our users to do the same. Unauthorized copying, distribution, modification, public display, or public performance of copyrighted works is an infringement of the copyright holder's rights…Napster will terminate the accounts of users who are repeat infringers of the copyrights, or other intellectual property rights, of others."

If consumers are not guilty, Napster is not guilty

After analyzing this information, I decided that Napster should not be found guilty of tributary copyright infringement or any other charge. Since the RIAA is charging Napster with tributary copyright infringement, consumers must be found guilty if Napster is punished. What consumers are doing through Napster, the copying and sharing of songs, is perfectly legal, as stated in the Audio Home Recording Act of 1992. This act states it is legal to make recordings and give them to people, as long as it is done in a non-commercial way. Consumers use Napster to make legal recordings and if consumers are not guilty, then Napster is not guilty. 'Nuff said.

Top Ten Clothing Items That Never Made It

By Caldwell Tanner and Chris Gioia

10. Gap Goth- "stylish black clothing for all your gothic needs"
9. Old Navy Tech Socks- " the only socks with cargo pockets"
8. Nike Bowling Shoes- "a swoosh with every strike"
7. Structure Choir Robes- "stylish robes made out of parachute materials with cargo pockets for your hymnals"
6. Brooks Brothers Nascar 2000- "a three-piece suit that includes all sponsors plus a 3x5-foot golden belt buckle with commemorative engraving of signatures of your favorite racer"
5. Quicksilver Kilts- "hang ten while jammin' to those crazy bagpipes"
4. Tommy Hilfiger Yarmulke- "stylin' in the synagogue"
3. Soaps Skater Pants-"The only pants that allow you to grind on your bum"
2. JNCO Boxers- " the only boxers that go below your knees"
1. Fubu Cowboy Boots- "be Phat on the Pharm"

Camp Laney

Laney cont.

night I stayed up to talk and do my journal entry until 10:45 at lights out. Thinking about the high ropes courses and listening to Mr. Thurmond snore kept me awake most of the night. The next morning we all wandered down to the lodge, bleary-eyed and eager to eat. Directly after breakfast, we put on the harnesses and began doing the various ropes courses and high elements. The newest addition to the variety of high elements is the Kamikaze. The height of the Kamikaze is disputed, but it is definitely high enough, around 40 feet. It is essentially a huge swing, but to get to it, you must climb up a huge cargo net and cross a bridge that consists of two hand cables, planks, and ropes. At the end of the challenging bridge, is the swing itself. Most people agree this is definitely the scary part. The other elements include the Trapeze. The Multivine is a cable with many ropes of ascending space. Although this 20-foot element wasn't exactly scary, it took skill to maintain balance and grab the next rope. The climbing tower consists of 8 different artificial rock walls, each with a different level of difficulty.

After lunch, we went back to the woods to do everything again. That night we played Bombardment again. For several hours we dodged balls whizzing by at 50 miles per hour, trying as hard as we could to peg the teacher hiding in the back. (Thus, the Adam Michael rule was established.) At about 10 o'clock we headed outside to a campfire, and we were to say who did a good job encouraging others to overcome their fears of heights and who had a hard time, but fought through their fear. Then it was back to the cabins and another shower before the warm sleeping bags welcomed us once again. That night the cold breeze began seeping through the cabin, and there wasn't a single person who was warm. Luckily, I was tired enough to sleep in the cold and overcome the cacophonous snoring of Mr. Thurmond, enough so that I could sleep soundly.

The triumphant crew of the USS Duct Tape

In the morning, the cold awoke us all with its fierce bite. Quickly donning our long pants and fleeces, we got out of the cabins at 7:00 and went to a breakfast of biscuits and sausages. Directly after breakfast, we were faced with our biggest and most difficult team building challenge yet. Our mission was to form

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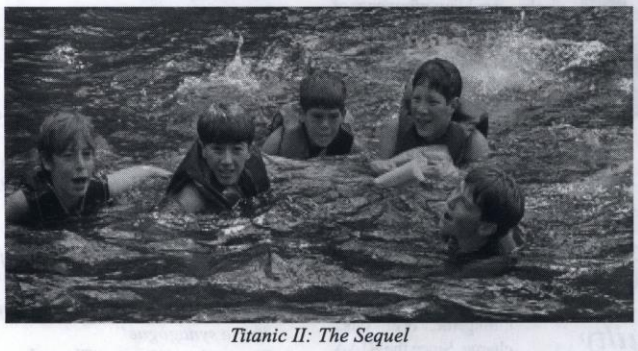
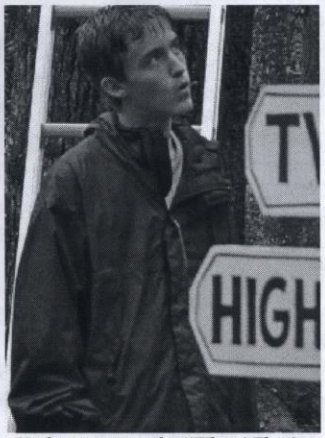


Titanic II: The Sequel



Hightower marvels, "Whoa! That's a high tower!"

Newcomers to Eighth Grade

By Jonathan Ray and Brian Syverud

You know that there are three new guys this year. James, C. J., and Matt are awesome from what I have seen.

James Hollis

James is a cool, smart guy with athletic talent. He placed in the 9th HVAC cross country meet. After his dad was transferred to Nashville, James left MUS and has had a hard time getting used to MBA, which is more structured than his former school.

He refused to answer which school he liked more . He also refused to answer who his favorite teacher is. However, he did stand up and say that MBA gives too much homework. His typical time spent on it is an hour and a half, and he would rather have more like 10 minutes. WOULDN'T WE ALL!! This pizza loving genius "likes to win, :)". Yes, he put a :) next to his response. He didn't wish to declare his hobbies, so ask him about them.

C.J. Hurt

James Hollis, C.J. Hurt, and Matthew Clair

C.J. has an attitude and personality that no one can match at MBA. If you are in Mr. Brown's 5th period class, you would definitely agree. Break dancing to Chicago music sound clips from a computer takes talent and the personality of C.J. Here are the questions and answers.

TOH : Do you think that Latin serves any purpose in our lives?

CJ: No, hold up, yea, to teach us better grammar.

TOH: If you were stranded on an island with an obese chihuahua, would you eat it?

CJ: Yeah, I'd fry him.

TOH: What's your favorite subject?

CJ: (with Mr. Brown 6 feet away) Geography

TOH: Who's your favorite teacher?

CJ: (with Mr. Brown 6 feet away) Mr. Brown or Mr. Spiegl

TOH: Who's your least favorite?

CJ: No comment

TOH: Have you done anything wor-

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groups of 8 and to create a craft to cross a river enough times to take everyone there and back once. We were allowed to use only two large pieces of cardboard, a roll of duct tape, a meter stick, a gigantic sheet of industrial plastic, an Exacto knife, and, the new addition to the supplies, two pool noodles. Each team had an hour and a half to come up with its boat. Several boats collapsed during the river crossing, while others spun wildly. The boat-building experience was truly challenging.

Look!!! Mrs. Franks' daughter!

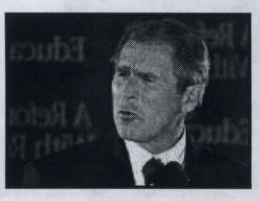
After the short, but tiring trip, we were somewhat glad to be going but disappointed that we couldn't spend more time at Laney. During the long bus ride home, I slept but was awakened by someone's sticking a bookmark up my nose. I sleepily listened to the riddles being exchanged in the back of the bus as we finally arrived in Nashville. The trip to Camp Laney will leave many lasting memories of being hoarse from yelling at people to do this or that in the team- building activities, of first stepping on the Kamikaze, and of pegging Mr. Russell and Mr. McGugin just as they fired one of the small yellow balls in Bombardment. Thank you, Camp Laney, for all the fun, friendship, and memories we shared.

Politics and Stuff

Be Gore Free

By Kyle Mayo

This article is designed to give a view on the many reasons why I believe George W. Bush should rightfully be the President of the United States. For all of you uninformed people, just listen impartially to the major issues surrounding both campaigns.



First, Bush is pro-life, meaning that Bush is against partial birth abortions. A partial birth abortion happens when a pregnant woman kills, yes kills, a fully developed baby in the womb. Gore, on the other hand, has a more liberal view on abortions. He believes the mother should be able to choose whether to have her baby killed or not if the mother's life is endangered.

Secondly, social security is another aspect of the campaign. Gore wants working families to pay more money towards the funds for senior citizens. With Bush's campaign, you will not only pay less, but the senior citizens who receive the money have the option to take a small portion of the incoming funds and place it in a portfolio of stocks that will might have a high return. This plan would work out better for everyone in the long run.

Another issue of the 2000 election is, of course, taxes. Gore takes a more liberal stance, meaning he would rather spend, spend, spend, as opposed to Bush's theory of saving money. In Bush's campaign, less money will be taxed. This theory can also be related to Ronald Reagan's Trickle Down Theory in the 1980's. Reagan believed that if the economy were taxed less, as a whole, then the result would be a more stable economy. With Bush's Trickle Down Theory, there will not be a tax cut, but the government's surplus will be primarily given to the wealthy. In turn, the wealthy should be capitalistic and begin new private businesses. Once these businesses are in place, the lower classes should become employed and work. Once these workers are in place, the money should "trickle down" from the owners. Thus, the economy as a whole will react and speed up. The result is a healthier economy.

After this review of the hot issues surrounding the campaign, I hope you now have a better understanding of what is at stake in this upcoming election.

Be Gore and Bush Free

By Jonathan Cannon

Let me express to all who are reading this article waiting for a one-sided, rah-rah Gore article, you've come to the wrong place. I dislike both major party candidates equally. This article will not only slam Bush, (hereafter referred to as Dubya) but will also slam Gore.

The first issue I would like to address is taxes. Both candidates put this issue on the forefront of their campaigns. Both "plans" are supposedly targeted at benefitting low-income citizens. The budget surplus was about 200 billion dollars, yet Bush's plan cuts more than 700 billion. Bush's plan also *blatantly* targets the top 1% of taxpayers. No, this was not *"fuzzy math"* (although that was a good one-liner). According to Citizens for Tax Justice (ctj.org), an un biased, non-profit organization, the lowest 20% of the population, the

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Junior School Voting Results

George W. Bush- 77 votes
Al Gore- 33 votes
Ralph Nader- 10 votes
John Fay- 3 votes
Ben Turk- 1 vote
Harry Browne- 1 vote
Will Chapman- 1 vote
Mr. Potato Head- 1 vote
Your Mom- 1 vote
Joseph Birdsong- 1 vote
Venus Williams- 1 vote
Clayton Lainhart- 1 vote
John McCain- 1 vote

group targeted by the "plans," on average would receive only $42 from Bush's plan, about .8% (notice the decimal), while the top 1% would receive about $46,000 on average, and about 43% of the tax cut as a whole. This plan makes sense because the top 1%, about a million people, pay a third of the taxes, but Dubya's plan lowers the top federal income tax bracket from 39% to 33%; this cut would benefit these citizens more than the reductions for those who fall in the lower brackets. Dubya's plan as a whole would put more of the tax burden on middle-class citizens, who already are affected more than the wealthy or poor.

Gore's plan, on the other hand, does not benefit either the wealthy or the middle-class. He does not propose to change the Federal Income Tax structure, but instead "plans" to install and alter many new government programs, such as 401(k)s, to help the poor save for college, retirement, etc. These plans are noble, but if the people whom these plans target could understand all the regulations and math entailed, they could work for the government building nuclear weapons, and therefore wouldn't need financial help.

On issues of character, the past few months have found Gore to reveal his Quayle-esque tendencies. Hark! I thought only Dubya made a fool of himself regularly! The scene takes place at a Hollywood fund-raiser, where Gore sits across from Courtney Love, Kurt Kobain's widow and lead singer of Hole. Trying to make small talk, Gore says: "I'm a really big fan." I won't get into Courtney's cross-examination, but, anyone who's ever listened to Hole knows that they are the type of band that Gore's wife Tipper crusaded against in the mid eighties.

I'd rather send Bert, Ernie, and Elmo with Leon Phelps to translate.

On to Dubya. Besides the fact that his shortcomings as a public speaker have led to claims that he is dyslexic ("I am against hard quotas, quotas they basically delineate based upon whatever."), he has also shown his Quayle-ness on several occasions. The most famous is probably the time he pointed at a writer from *The New York Times* and called him a "major-league *$$%*%@" to his running mate, on stage at a rally. Of course, the microphone picked up everything. Besides the fact that *The New York Times* has now shown its "liberal-ness" more than *Rolling Stone*, this incident shows how incompetent Dubya is in general. Is this the guy we would want sitting across from Yassir Arafat, negotiating peace for Jerusalem? I'd rather send Bert, Ernie, and Elmo in with Leon Phelps to translate. At least Bert would know the difference between *subliminal* and *subliminable.*

Getting back to issues, Dubya and Gore have shown their clearest separation on environmental issues. As you may know, Gore wrote an entire book on the subject, and if elected president will probably fix what's wrong with big polluters in the U.S. Dubya, on the other hand, has exposed the full meaning of the phrase his father coined: "voodoo economics." Dubya favors a "voluntary clean-up plan" in his home state of Texas, where "overbearing" government regulations are exchanged for regulations that plants impose on themselves. According to Dubya's so-called "logic," plants will cut into their profits to do something they aren't really required by law to do. Of course they will. And monkeys might fly….

A few other issues which are of vital importance in the race are abortion and gun rights. Obviously, abortion and gun rights are clear-cut issues, and both have not been highlighted as much as they should be. They both are issues that cut to the very essence of what the government is supposed to do for its citizens. The basic principles of American freedom and democracy are the rights of people as individuals and groups to think and act as they see fit, as long as they do not violate the rights of others. The government does not, in any way, deter these basic freedoms. Why then, should the government hinder decisions about our own bodies. On the issue of abortion, the argument to outlaw it, "God said so," is invalid in arguing law because not everyone in the United States believes in God. While the Gore is pro-choice, he is ***not*** in favor of partial-birth abortion. Clinton vetoed an act that would outlaw all partial-birth abortion because it did not leave a clause for instances where the woman's life is in danger. Dubya's camp has the complete opposite opinion, which favors a constitutional amendment to ban all abortions. Obviously the abortion issue is an highly emotional one.

On the issue of gun-rights, the registration of all guns and the

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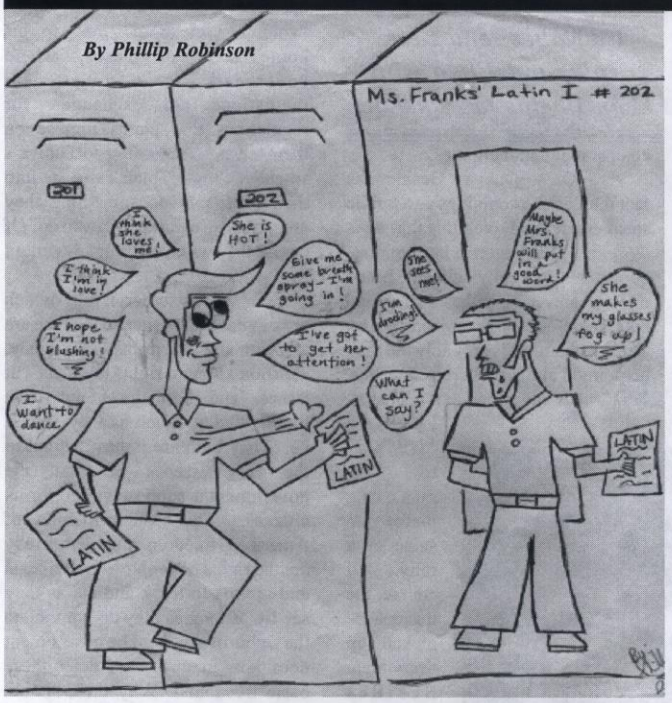
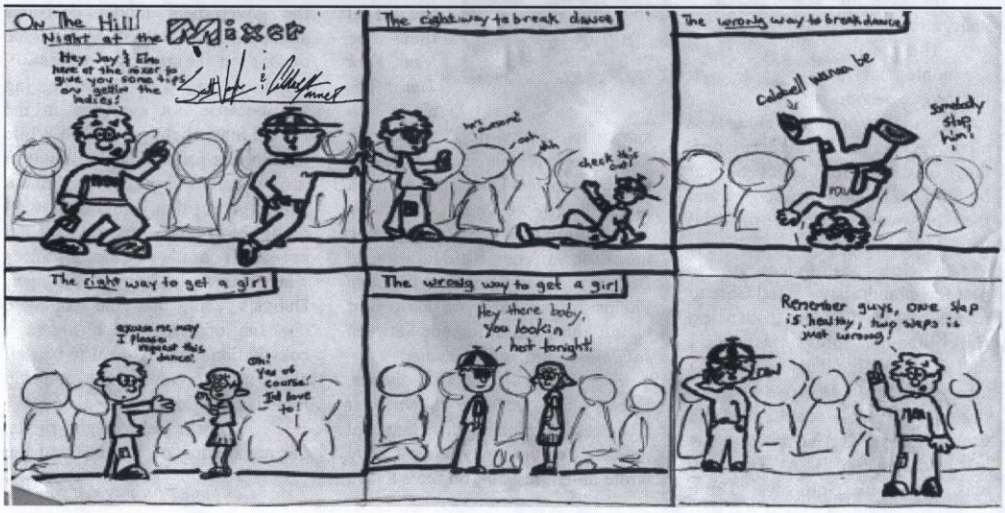
Comics



What happens to "gentlemen, scholars, and athletes" when an attractive girl comes on campus- For example, Mrs. Franks' daughter



The Inz and Outz of 2000

By: Matt Bubis, Ben Turk, Jesse Wright, Chris Gioia

INz	OUTz
-Lacrosse	-Golf
-MBA microbe defense	-Tyler Griffin
-Mr. Thurmond's making fun of Taylor's girlfriend	-Mr. Thurmond's making fun of Ben's girlfriend
-Vanilla Ice	-M.C. Hammer
-N'sync	-Backstreet Boys
-Hats	-Bucket hats
-Napster	-CD players
-AOL	-Phones
-MBA's current 8th grade football team beating Ensworth	-Last year's 8th grade football team losing to Ensworth
-Carmen Electra	-Jenny McCarthy
-MTV	-VH1 (This was never in)
-Ben Turk's belly button	-Preston's belly button
-Girls	-Baseball cards
-Jack@$$ (the show)	-Tom Green Show
-Matt Bubis	-Mr. Thurmond*

* Mr. Thurmond, please don't beat us up.

New Students cont.

thy of demerits without being caught?

CJ: No comment

TOH: Who's your favorite Looney Tune?

CJ: Wile E. Coyote

TOH: Who's your favorite Pokemon?

CJ: BUBBASAUR!!!

TOH: Who's your favorite football team?

CJ: PITTSBURGH STEELERS

If you have not learned anything from this interview, let me sum C.J. up. He's a cool guy, will be a ladies' man, and has an attitude and personality that our class needs.

Matt Clair

Matt Clair has a unique personality. He has a quiet manner and is overall a nice, cool guy. He was asked the same questions as C.J., so here are his answers.

He believes that the purpose of Latin is "to help you with your English vocabulary on the SAT." His answer to eating the obese chihuahua was "Oh my gosh, yes!" He's going for the Yankees, who by the time this paper is out, will have swept the World Series against the Mets. His favorite subject, (with no teachers around), is Latin. His favorite teachers are Mr. Spiegl and Mr. Popovich. He had a "no comment" to having done anything worthy of demerits without being caught. He thinks that Tweety Bird is the best Looney Tune. Matthew is a great speaker in speech class. He's someone you would enjoy knowing. If you don't know him, MAKE THE EFFORT.

Overall, these new students are great additions to our class. While we have lost a couple of last year's guys, these new ones will be good replacements. So, if you don't know them, MAKE THE EFFORT!! I hope you're taking the hint.

Politics cont.

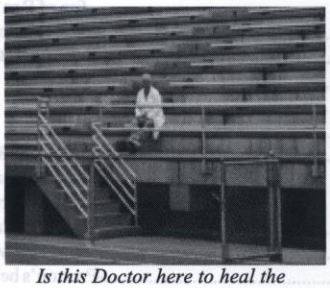
introduction of mandatory child-safety locks, as noble as they are, would probably be unenforceable; therefore, I don't support Gore's stance. Criminals, by definition, don't follow the law. And there are thousands of perfectly good gun laws, *so why don't we enforce them; that's what they're there for!* Both candidates promise to enforce gun laws, but of course they do--they both want to be president.

Finally, I would like to encourage all who read this article to look at the issues from both sides, as I have done, and not jump to support either candidate until you completely understand what they support. Unfortunately many students in the junior school have simply adopted the attitudes and opinions of their parents, which, as I have come to realize in the past few weeks, are not always right (sorry, Dad).

MBA vs. Ensworth

By Preston Adamns and Matt Bubis

On September 7, 2000, the Big Red took field the against the Ensworth Tigers. There was much controversy over who was going to win the game, but of course the Big Red pulled off a stunning defeat. Many players on our team had previously attended the Ensworth School. All of this drama just sparked the desire for a great game, with many "Tigers" claiming that they were going to "rip our heads off." This hypothesis was proven incorrect when on the first drive of the game on Ensworth's seven-yard line, DE Taylor Gould laid a punishing blow to Ensworth's QB William Benson. This crushing blow forced a fumble, which was picked up by DT Matt Bubis, who scored the first touchdown of the game. This play began the MBA onslaught. Colin Brier-Braxton laid a terrifying hit during the ensuing kickoff, which left the ball on the 25-yard line. On this drive, MBA's dominant defense forced a punt, which was returned by Paul Knoll. The Big Red was forced to punt due to penalties. On Ensworth's next drive, the Big Red sacked the QB twice. The Big Red forced a punt, and Ryan Burns and Richard Greathouse scored two more touchdowns. Finally toward the end of the half, Ryan Burns made an interception on a twice-tipped ball and returned it for a touchdown.



Is this Doctor here to heal the wounded tigers?

After many half-time speeches by excited coaches, the Big Red marched back on the field. On Ensworth's first drive, Clay Caroland made an incredible interception, and, with help from many Big Red blockers, scored a touchdown. Then Brenton Harrison scored a touchdown, the last score of the game. Another plus of this game was that everybody got to play. As the clock ticked down, the Big Red bathed in victory. We shook hands and took note that some Ensworth participants had tears streaming from their defeated faces. Their despair only made our victory better. Ensworth talked the talk, but when the time came, the Big Red layeth the smack down upon the diminuitive jabroni Tigers. Not only did this victory show which team had the better athletes, but also it helped a lot with getting the women, as some Enworth girls migrated to the MBA side of the field after the first-half slaughter. Many other Big Red players had a great game, but all that really matters about the game is the final score.....

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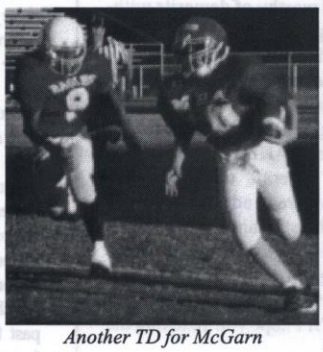
MBA vs. Ensworth -- A Great Rivalry!

Ingle, Moses, and...oh yeah, McGavock

By Eric Hagemeyer

Just because seventh grade football is the youngest form of football known to MBA does not mean that it is the lowest. This year's team had several bright spots, including the running game that whipped opposing defenses senseless. Our backfield consisted of Scott Hearon at quarterback, James Banker getting most of the snaps at fullback, and our workhorse tailback McGavock Johnson. Our passing game was effective, too. Clayton Lainhart had a great year at tight end, catching a thirty-yard touchdown pass against Christ the King that sealed the game.

Our first test was against the David Lipscomb Mustangs. McGavock scored two touchdowns, but they edged us out in a close one, 14 to 12. Next, we faced the Wildcats of BGA. We had a great day offensively as we scored 22 points in the first half. The Cats answered with 16 points later in the second half, but we held on to get our first win of the season. In week three, we showed the Christ the King Raiders no mercy. McGavock had two brilliant touchdown runs, one set up by a great pass to James Banker. Although a reverse that went for a touchdown got called back, our defense shined in an almost perfect goal line stand in the second quarter. The final score was Big Red 18, Raiders 6.



Another TD for McGarn

The next week we faced one of our arch nemeses, Brentwood Academy. McGavock scored on a touchdown run in the first quarter, followed by the two-point conversion attempt by Scott Hearon. He also scored on a screen pass from the five-yard line in the second quarter. The Eagles came back, however. Several times we broke down on defense, allowing 18 points in the second half. The loss was disappointing, but a learning experience nonetheless. An important win over Holy Rosary gave us moral support going into the following Tuesday's Big Red Bowl. The best term to

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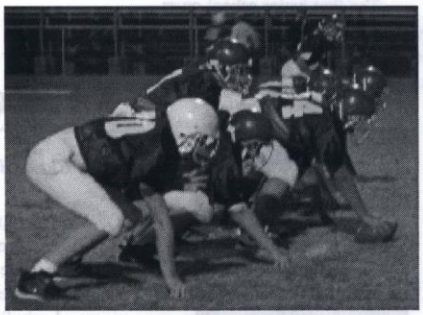
Sports

2-5 to 7-2

By Taylor Gould, Preston Adams and Ben Turk

The 8th grade football team had a very successful season. In our first game against Grassland, we were without the presence of our two best linemen, Davis "THE BEAST" Martin and Matt "SUPERMAN" Bubis. Davis was hurt, and Matt was thrown out on the seventh play. (Matt has given up all hope of ever playing for the Titans because he laid the smack down on Jeff Fisher's son.) We began the season with a loss (18-14). Coming back to play



DCA in a jamboree (a half of football), we pulled out a win (14-8, MBA victory) From the stands, the Ensworth Tigers watched in horror as they realized their fate. Our next obstacle was Woodland. We were pumped up for this game because we knew they would be big and unable to walk and chew gum at the same time. Despite the efforts of their female player (Goonthur), they were unable to pull this one off (6-0, MBA victory). We were not aware of this feminine presence until we shook hands, and one player said, "Good game, man," which brought forth a menacing stare from "It." Next we encountered Ensworth (32-0, MBA victory).Our next foe was Goodpasture. We were not sure what to expect from this team, but they provided little challenge (36-12, MBA victory). We then encountered BMS, the alma mater of two of our players. The defense had an outstanding performance, forcing five turnovers and a safety. Our offense converted one turnover for a touchdown (8-0, MBA victory). Our next victim was the BGA Wildcats. We did not expect much from this team. Our hypothesis was correct (18-0, MBA victory). We roasted St. Edwards to a medium-well / well done (41-8, MBA victory).

Our biggest challenge of the season, in the time-honored Big Red Bowl, was the Brentwood Academy Eagles. We had over three hours to get pumped up for this game by watching the BA vs. BGA tape for the fourth time. In the game, our first drive against the Eagles was swell and dandy, but no points resulted. We turned the ball over to the defense, which stopped BA cold all night (ok, 99.9999%). Going into halftime, the score was 0-0; we

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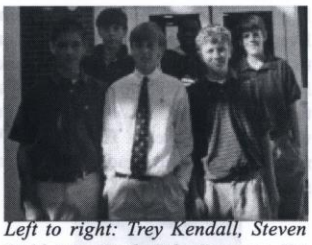
Golf-Whack Those Balls

By Chris Woolsey and Jake Wright

The 2000 MBA microbe golf team, led by 2nd year coach Mr. Moxley, had a



Left to right: Trey Kendall, Steven Dahl, Mac Kieth, Toby Simpson, JIm Witherspoon, Chris Woolsey. Not Pictured: Jake Wright, Bill Stringfellow and Read Ezell

successful season. The team consisted of Bill "Shotgun" Stringfellow, Jake "Oops, I did it again" Wright, Steven "Go for the green" Dahl, Mac "Top medalist" Keith, Chris "This is my

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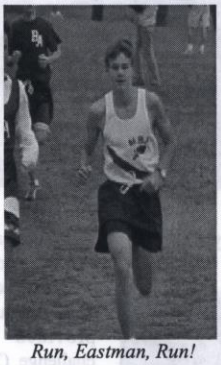
domain" Woolsey, Toby " The mouth" Simpson, Jim "I got a Coke" Witherspoon, Trey " Smooth swingin" Kendall, and Read "Can't get any love" Ezell. The first match was against CPA. We lost a close match 171 to 174. Bill Stringfellow was the only golfer to beat his opponent. The next week, we had our first mini-tournament. This tournament team was made of an all 8th grade roster. We finished third with a great performance by the low medalist Mac Keith and Stephen Dahl. In our next mini-tournament, we placed 2nd again with Mac as the low medalist and with a stellar performance by Steven Dahl. The next week, we played FRA, whose one obnoxious player taunted Mac and Steven. Eventually, Steven Dahl got into his head, and the poor child played atrociously. Trey Kendall, the only 7th grader to play in any matches, joined the team for the first time. MBA had a giant victory. In the HVAC tournament, Mac Keith, Steven Dahl, Jake Wright, Bill Stringfellow, and Trey Kendall played together and placed 5th out of eleven teams. Mac Keith and Steven Dahl won two of the top medals awarded at the HVAC tournament. This year's golf team would like to thank our coach Mr. Haywood Moxley for a great season. Every member made a huge contribution to the team. Although Toby, Jim, and Read did not participate in any matches, they could not have been more welcomed on the team. The 2000 MBA microbe golf team had a awesome, successful season.

James Hollis

Cross Country: Best Season Since 1998!

By Craig Stewart

The first junior school cross country team of the new millennium, with leadership provided by eighth graders Eastman Landry, James Hollis, Craig



Run, Eastman, Run!

Stewart, Brock Baker, and Cotton Clark, finished a strong season on October 7 placing 2nd in the HVAC. The crew, driven by the cheer "105" (one-oh-five, not one hundred and five), pushed itself to its best finish in the history of the school since 1998.

Cross country, for you seventh graders who will quit football next year, is honestly fun. It requires much less time than most sports, and injury is much less likely for a runner. Another reason to join the "CC Posse" is that Magistra Franks, every cross country runner's new favorite teacher, kindly holds cheerleading practice at the track, which is the same

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What Goes Through the Mind of our Earth Science Teacher, Mr. Spiegl

By Chris Gioia and Jesse Wright

Q. What is your favorite band?
A. The Pretenders, Phish, and anything bluegrass.
Q. What type of deodorant do you use and why?
A. I use some type of underarm deodorant (he doesn't remember what it is called), and I use it to "be sure."
Q. Of all the current car commercials, what is your favorite?
A. I hate them all.
Q. If you lived on the moon, what would your weight be?
A. It would be 29.90 lbs.
Q. What sports did you participate in during high school?
A. I wrestled, ran cross country, and ran long distance in track. During the summer, I played frisbee.
Q. If you could create your own animal, what would you call it, what would it eat, and where would it live?
A. It would be called the "Ugliness Eradicator." This creature would live on I-65 between Brentwood and 440. The "Ugliness Eradicator" would eat styrofoam.
Q. What are your all-time favorite TV shows?

A. I like "The Simpsons" and "The Antique Road Show." I dislike everything else.

Q. If you had possession of a time machine, when in time would you travel and why?

A. I would travel to the famous Battle of Little Bighorn because I want to see the reaction on General Custer's face.

Q. Where do you buy your ties?

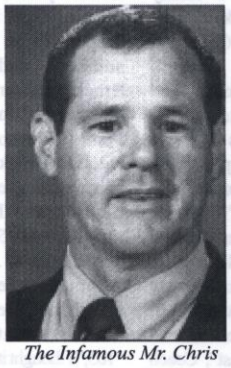
A. I buy some of my very "unique" ties at a store which I go to on the 8th grade Atlanta trip. I buy the rest at an undisclosed location in Indianapolis. My personal favorites are the "Garcia ties."

Q. If you could know the answer to just one question, what would that question be?

A. "Why was "Survivor" so popular?"

Q. If you were to have a party, whom would you invite and what would you serve?

A. If I had a party, I would serve Bahama Mamma Slush Puppies to everyone. On my invitee list, I would have Mahatma Ghandi, Charlemagne, Homer Simpson, "Pistol" Pete Maravich, the Dahm Triplets, Richard Feynman, Natacha Rambova, Alexander von Humboldt, Johnny Bravo, my grandparents, James Tissot, W.C. Fields, Two Clovis hunters, Ghengis Khan, George Washington Carver, and the entire cast of *Annie Hall*. The photographer would be Ansel Adams. The party's entertainment would include Bob Marley, Bill Monroe, Neal Young/ Joni Mitchell, Stanley Clark, Alphonse Mouzon, Carlos Santana, Sinbad, and Cirque du Soleil. My roadies and elephant cleanup would be Garth and Shania. My canape servers (in houseboy coats) would be Richard Nixon and Henry Kissinger. My bouncer would be Jay Jenkins. My master of ceremonies and games host would be Jamie Tillman. My translator would be Dr. Gaffney.



The Infamous Mr. Chris Spiegl

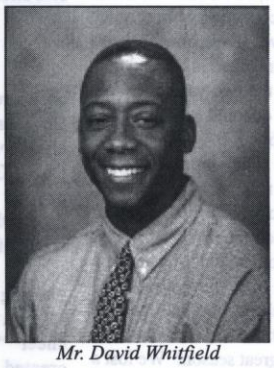
He's Back

By Jonathan Gotterer and Cotton Clark

After a four year absence, Mr. David Whitfield, a popular teacher and basketball coach, has returned this fall to teach cultural geography and American history at MBA. Mr. Whitfield attended the University of Chicago and for the past several years has worked for Little Planet, a software company. He says that he really likes his return to the academic environment.

Here are few of his favorites.

Singers: Miles Davis, John Coltrane, Ella Fitzgerald, and George Gershwin (He enjoys jazz and rap.)
Song: "My Favorite Things" by John Coltrane
TV show: "Leave it to Beaver" (This is definitely number one on my list.)
Movie: *Brian's Song* (He likes classics.)
Foods: Fudge pie and turkey
Toothpaste: Colgate (It's what I use, too.)
Ice Cream: Butter pecan
Holiday: Thanksgiving
Vacation: A town by the water in New Hampshire called Portsmith
Car: Ford Explorer
Sports team: Portland Trailblazers
Animal: Pit-bull



Mr. David Whitfield

Mr. Whitfield likes to "chill," work out, play basketball, and many weekends he spends time counseling substance abusers. Since its beginning, he has been involved with the Time to Rise program and currently serves as its coordinator. Books are important to Mr. Whitfield, and when his apartment burned two years ago, he said that his greatest loss was his collection of treasured books. Hardy's *The Mayor of Casterbridge* is one of his favorites.

When asked whom he most admires, Mr. Whitfield thinks of his mother, a woman of profound faith. He remembers one time he got in some big trouble playing hooky when he was younger. Unfortunately for him, his mother, an employee of the school, happened to check the absentee list, and his name was on it. As a result, he was not allowed to play sports for a very long time.

Mr. Whitfield loves a good discussion and inspires his students to take positions and to examine their beliefs, often saying, "I'm the devil's advocate." Eventually, he plans to write a book and wants to visit Kenya to study the tribal systems there. He wants to live to see the unity of mankind. MBA welcomes the return of Mr. David Whitfield.

Sports

8th football cont.

knew our offense would have to produce if we were going to win. The Big Red offense had many productive drives, but we couldn't put the ball in the end zone. BA's most useless starter / biggest trash talker / member of his own "posse" / Mason Revelette stated before the game that "me and my posse* gonna' bust up yo squad." (*Editor's Note: After rigorous study, we have come to the conclusion that it takes more than one person / friend to make up a "posse," therefore rendering his previous statement WRONG. Statistics also concluded that his "bustin' up" of our "squad" consisted of one shoe-string tackle after a seven-yard gain by Bryant "My head hurts" Hahnfeldt.) At the end of regulation, the score was still 0-0. In the overtime, each team had four chances to score from the ten-yard line. MBA lost the toss, so we were forced to try for the first score. We were stopped on the first two plays, but a pass interference call resulted in a brand new set of downs on the two-yard line. We got down to the one and kicked a field goal on fourth down. BA then got their chance to score. They brought in their secret weapon: their starting tailback, Tyler Griffin, who was reported "injured." He was stopped on the first play. Their other tailback got the ball and made a five-yard gain. On third down, the "injured" tailback ran the ball in for a touchdown. Not the way we would've chosen to end a great season! We lost a great game to a great team, and we would never have gotten there if it weren't for our coaches.

This season was not just a season for winning, but it was also a season of memories. We will never forget the time Taylor "I Scored a Touchdown Before Turk Even Though I Was Second-string Fullback" Gould and Preston "I Swear My Voice Is This Low" Adams led stretches. We fondly remember Ben "No-play Turkay" Turk trampling Jed "The Conehead" Crumbo in sprints; Jonathan "Canyon" Cannon's running of the boxes; Coach Hill "Sasquatch's" wholesome jokes; Coach Bearden "Beardo's"outrageous defensive play combinations (wide tackle pop?????); the nicknames: Paul "Mr. Competitive" Knoll, Clay "But, I'm a Receiver" Caroland, Luke "Voice-cracking" Brown, Brenton "B" Harrison, Richard "Your Sister's Not Hot" Greathouse, Ryan "I Try to Keep My Composure" Burns; the quotations: Mr. Popovich, Coach Pop "Flexification" and "You're a bunch of milquetoast"; Coach Regen, "It's okay to be fancy, but not fancy schmantzy"; Coach Henderson, "Just be athletic." We would like to thank Coaches Henderson, Popovich, Regen, Whitley, Bearden (Beardo), Hill, and Wade for making this season great. We would also like to thank Grant for wearing the lucky Big Red sweatband.

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site where the cross country gang assembles. However, if you lack the desire to run, or are afraid it will kill you, don't worry about it. Coach Gaither claims he hasn't driven anyone to death in the past couple of years.

The meaning of the ingenious cheer "105," created by Eastman Landry and Brock Baker, was only known by about four people on the team the whole year. I myself did not know the meaning of this mysterious phrase for most of the season. If you run a 1:05 for 400 meters, or if you give 105%, it is very good. Also, 105 happens to be Eastman's gym locker number, and Brock's locker number in Massey. Not to mention Brock improved his time by 1:05 and I weigh 105 pounds. Although the team did not have a clue about "105," I thought it was wonderfully clever.

Craig destroys the competition

The squad capped off a spectacular season with a 2nd place finish in the final meet, losing only to perennial powerhouse Brentwood Academy. With Eastman Landry's winning the race over FRA rival R.J. Danner, and James Hollis's placing ninth, the team accomplished its goal of beating USN and CPA, who had beaten us earlier this year. Craig Stewart, Brock Baker, and Jonathan Ray also provided impressive performances. Everyone was relieved that we did not make history as the worst team that Coach Gaither and Ms. Christeson had ever had. After the final meet, the team ate together at Pizza Perfect, which was splendid.

HVAC 2nd place champions

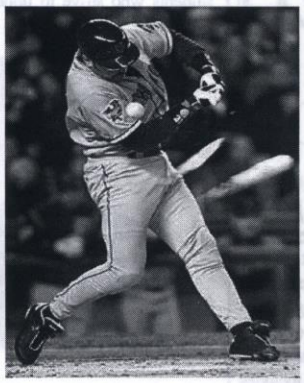
Next year's cross country corps looks as promising as ever, with hotshots Eric Beiter, Kevin Seitz, David Reynolds, and Jeff Newman looking to possibly better this year's performance.

An Ungentlemanly display:

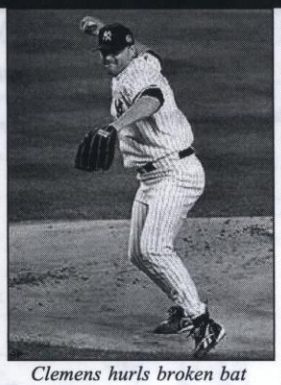
Clemens vs. Piazza

By Alex Lamballe

On July 9, pitcher Roger Clemens of the New York Yankees shocked the baseball world in a game against the New York Mets. Mike Piazza of the New York Mets, who has one of the best hitting records against Clemens in his career, was at the plate. Piazza likes his pitches down, but it was not the ball that was down after the throw; it was Piazza. Clemens' 92 mph pitch hit Piazza right above the bill of his helmet. He suffered a severe concussion and missed the next few games. Clemens denied intentionally hitting Piazza, but Bobby Valentine and his team thought differently.



When the Subway series was scheduled, excitement rose among baseball fans eager to see a rematch of Clemens and Piazza. Fans got that chance on October 22 in the second game of the series. Piazza stepped to the plate against Clemens as the third batter of the game. The first two pitches from Clemens were outside. On the third pitch, he threw inside and Piazza popped a ball foul down the first base line, breaking his bat in the process. The barrel of the bat bounced to Clemens. He then picked up the broken bat and threw the sharp end in the direction of Piazza. The bat whizzed by, only inches away from Piazza's leg. At this point, many fans expected Piazza to charge the mound, but instead, he started walking to Clemens demanding to know what his problem was. The home plate umpire stepped in between the two, and by this time both teams were on the field. No punches were exchanged, and nobody was thrown out.



Clemens hurls broken bat

After the game, Clemens claimed he was throwing the bat to the dugout, but oops, the Mets' dugout is on the third base line, not the first base line where the bat was thrown. I guess that excuse didn't work. Clemens also refused to apologize to Piazza after the incident. When Piazza was asked about it, he said that he had no idea why Clemens rebelled but that he was going to try not to let it bother him. If you have an opinion on whether Clemens should have been thrown out of the game or not, please let me know for a poll.

I recently sat down and talked with one of MBA's biggest baseball fans, Mr. Popovich. Here are his thoughts on this subject.

Q. Do you feel that Roger Clemens intentionally threw the bat at Piazza?

A. No, but I still do not think it was right.

Q. Do you feel Clemens should have been thrown out of the game?

A. No, but he should have been given a warning to calm down.

Q. What action, if any, should be taken against Clemens?

A. He should be given a warning to stay calm. This is one example, however, to support getting rid of the designated hitter. In the past two years, no National League pitcher has been fined or suspended for hitting a batter, but in the American League, Janet Wright and Pedro Martinez throw at batters all the time because they do not have to bat. If a pitcher hits someone and then goes up to bat willing to take the consequence, I have no problem with that.

Q. Do you feel Clemens was invoked by Piazza to throw the bat?

A. No

Q. What is your current opinion of Clemens?

A. I think he is one of the best pitchers of all time, but I have lost a little respect for him as a person.

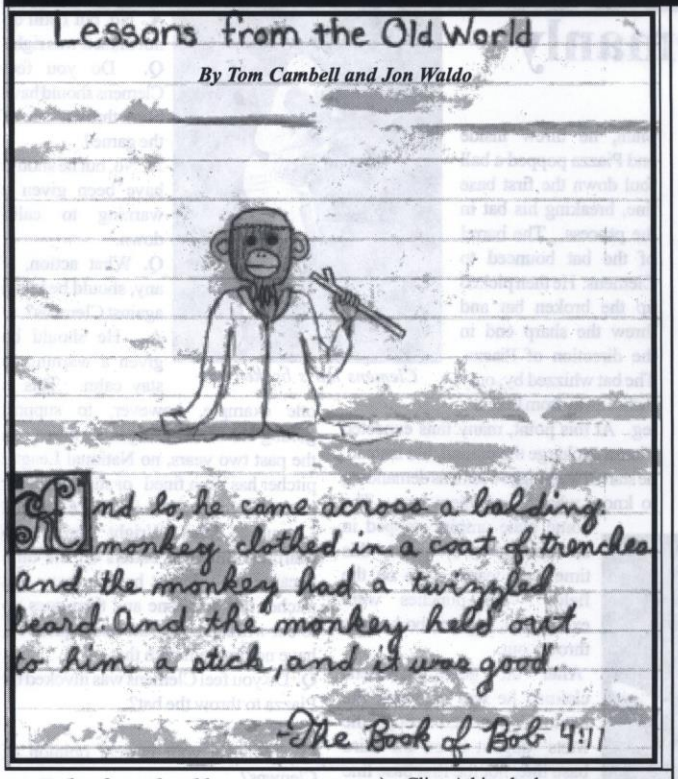
Q. How do you think this incident will affect the remainder of the series?

A. Unfortunately, I think it will overshadow the fact that this is a series of baseball games and not one big personal issue.

Q. How do you feel each player handled the situation?

A. Piazza- remarkably well

Clemens- I think he handled it poorly, and I am deeply disappointed that he refuses to apologize with the excuse that he didn't *intend* to do anything wrong.



7th football cont.

describe the first half would be defensive struggle. Scott had a magnificent scramble from midfield that brought the Red down to the two-yard line. Within seconds, McGavock stormed into the end zone, giving MBA a six-point lead. Had our defense held, we would have had a win, but the Eagles attacked us with their running game, scoring a touchdown in the opening moments of the fourth quarter. It was a heartbreaker, Eagles 8, Big Red 6.

Even with our loss in the Big Red Bowl, we had many positive moments. Several times we came up big on defense, with Will Fitzgerald heading up our unit in tackles (my pick for defensive player of the year). Clint Atkins had a great year at linebacker. He had an important interception in the game against Christ the King, which aided our win. Injuries are part of every season, and some players had to miss games due to this factor. Our injury list includes Nick Power, Chase Cato, Hunter Armistead, and Kafkas Everest. Chase, a great linebacker, broke his elbow. Some memorable quotes include: "I got a fumble! I got a fumble and they didn't count it!"-Will Fitzgerald. "I need a doctor!"-McGavock Johnson. "At the beginning of this year we could not put our equipment on right, but look at us now." - Coach Simpson. All of the seventh grade football players would like to thank our coaches Simpson, Jenkins, and Bernatavitz for an unforgettable experience.

Clark Lundy -- Honor Council Represntative

By Staff

Clark Lundy is the eighth grade representative to the Honor Council. He is certainly a worthy recipient of this position. The Honor Council is a group of elected students who strive to uphold the honor

code. Representatives attend meetings where they evaluate individual cases in an attempt to reach the truth and render a fair decision. Clark was the center on the eighth grade football team and is also a member of the wrestling and baseball teams. He enjoys his church youth group as well as MBA activities, especially mixers. His advice to prospective Honor Council reps: "Do the homework given, follow the teachers' instructions, and do not make fun of teachers."

Congratulations!

Homeroom Representatives

Teacher	President	Community Service
Bernatavitz	Kyle Mayo	Taylor Gould
Christeson	Eastman Landry	Mac Keith
Russ	William Chapman	Jon Waldo
Spiegl	Andy Alsentzer	Nick Luna and Andrew Barge
Whitfield	Jed Crumbo	Caldwell Tanner
Popovich	Jesse Wright	Stuart Cook
Woolsey	Matthew Clair	Davis Martin
Wims	Harold Simmons	Bobby Goodrich
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Ashworth	Reece Smith	Jimmy Flanagan
Steele	Eric Hagemeyer	Chase Cato
Husband	Will Barge	Will Whitson
Marro	Justin Hall	Daniel Hightower
Brown	David Syverud	Scott Hearon

Congratulations to Mrs. Steele on the birth of her first grandchild, Aiden Steele, and to Mr. Bernatavitz on the upcoming birth of his first child.

BACK PAGE

The *Flumor* Column

Back in the beginning of the year when article ideas were first submitted, the editors came across a novel idea. An anonymous journalist sent in a *Funny* Column, but midway through the word, he decided to call the article the *Humor* Column. Only half-way erased, the two words combined and the *Flumor Column* emerged. Like the renowned What?! Column of *Top of the Hill* '99, The *Flumor* Column will continue to highlight dumb and funny offerings of junior school students.

I just lost my PL virginity!
Matt Bubis

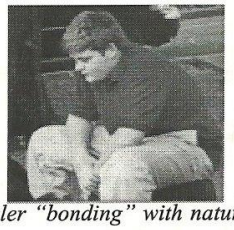
Are the Malayan mountains a separate country?
Colin Brier-Braxton

Tyler Griffin stinks at football!
Matt Bubis

Mr. Whitfield, will we get penalized for putting the wrong answers on the test?
Chris Woolsey

When you mess up on the computer, a bunch of walruses go mental on you!
Ben Turk

THE BOND SECTION



Tyler "bonding" with nature

Coach Henderson: Monday you WILL be ready to hit, ready to run, and ready to be intense!

Tyler: Do we have practice on Monday?
Mr. Popovich: There are no stupid questions except the one just answered.

Tyler: Why didn't they impeach Hitler?

Tyler: After the showing of two scenes of *Damn Yankees:* Are the short ones girls?

Tyler: Air and Oxygen are the same thing, right?

Tyler: Do we have to copy **all** the notes on the board?
Mr. Spiegl: You [Tyler] are a lazy tub of goo.

After a struggle to explain time zones, **Mr. Spiegl asked Tyler**: When you go to watch "Blue's Clues," how do you know when it is on?

Todd: Touched by a Nagle.

Todd: Little Nagles (Giants).

Todd: Teenage Mutant Ninja Nagles.

James: Shaken, not stirred.

Worst NCAA Teams

By Colin Brier-Braxton

10. SMU 1-6
9. Louisiana Monroe 1-7
8. Kent State 1-7
7. Wyoming 1-7
6. Eastern Michigan 1-7
5. Navy 0-7
4. Duke 0-7
3. Wake Forest 0-7
2. Louisiana Lafayette 0-7
1. Arkansas St. 0-8

All of these teams have easy schedules but still manage to lose almost every game.

Top Ten Top Ten Lists You Can't Find Ten Things For

By Rob Beasley

10. Top Ten words more than three syllables Bush can pronounce
9. Top Ten bowl games Vandy has been in
8. Top Ten things more annoying than N'Sync
7. Top Ten hairs on Mr. Regen's head
6. Top Ten reasons to like *The Light in the Forest*
5. Top Ten things that can be taken out of Gore's lockbox.
4. Top Ten 7th graders not confused by Dr. Marro
3. Top Ten UT graduates with a triple-digit IQ
2. Top Ten honest statements from Bill Clinton
1. Top Ten unsarcastic phrases out of Mr. Spiegl's mouth

Thought of the Day

Don't play leap frog with unicorns

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